AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4200 OFFERED BY MS. HERSETH OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Add at the end of title I the following new section:

SEC. 109. STANDARDS FOR TREE RETENTION.

2	(a)	SNAGS	AND	DOWNED	Wood.	In	planning	or

- 3 conducting any catastrophic event recovery project or cat-
- 4 astrophic event research project, the Secretary concerned
- 5 shall ensure that—
- 6 (1) at a minimum, a distribution of standing
- 7 snags and downed wood of the oldest age class is re-
- 8 tained on site necessary to provide habitat for asso-
- 9 ciated species through various stages of forest devel-
- opment and to provide a long-term nutrient source;
- 11 and
- 12 (2) within the oldest age class on site, priority
- is given, to the extent practicable, to retaining the
- more decay-resistant species.
- 15 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in
- 16 the case of academic research, either by an accredited re-
- 17 search university or a Forest Service Research Station, or
- 18 when the applicable land and resource management plan
- 19 contains more restrictive guidelines for snags and downed
- 20 wood.



- 1 (c) Plan Amendment.—The Secretary concerned
- 2 may amend a land and resource management plan to in-
- 3 corporate snags and downed wood retention guidelines,

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